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** Superior Court.

MONDAY

The following Grand Jury was drawn and sworn: N. Jacob, foreman; J. J. Cuthar, Jesse Ives, H. Reed, George E. Burden, Isaac Lilly, J. J. Forrest, Samuel Baxter, W. S. Hewlett, Larry Davis, James Grant, Robert Phiney, David Nixon, Caesar Badgley, James Jones, John Caswell, Elihu Halsey, John Merrick.

After this the morning session was consumed in the delivery of the Judge's charge to the Grand Jury.

In the afternoon the solicitor, with the leave of the court, entered a notice of twenty-six cases on the docket.

In the case of the State vs. John Fisher—*Paper Warrant*—the defendant was required to renew his bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance at the next term of the court, and in addition was required to pay costs.

The hours for the sessions of the court will be from 9 o'clock A. M. to 1 o'clock P. M. and from 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY

Richard Stewart, arrested on a peace warrant, dismissed on payment of costs.

State vs. Jason Loftin, removing, verdict, guilty.

State vs. Henry Dudley and Drake, larceny, verdict, guilty.

State vs. James Brooks, Larceny, jury out.

State vs. Jack Anderson, Larceny, jury out.

Judgment by consent in two cases on the civil issue docket.

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Democratic Executive Committee on the Third Congressional District.

We are requested to announce that the following gentlemen have been appointed by the President of the Democratic District Convention which assembled at Fayetteville on the 31st of June:

Clas. M. Stedman of New Hanover, C. W. McMillan of Pender, C. T. Murphy of Sampson, J. W. Shaeffer of Onslow, James Rounley of Carteret, W. A. Allen of Duplin, John D. Taylor of Brunswick, H. B. Short of Columbus, John A. McDowell of Bladen, W. C. Troy of Cumberland, B. F. Shaw of New Hanover, A. A. Melvin of Moore.

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Writing for Straining Rosin.

We were shown yesterday by Mr. Elliott, of the firm of Elliott & Brothers, some batting for straining rosin. It is a new thing in this section, and is said to work like a charm.

The batting is placed in the bottom of the strainer, and the rosin, while in a liquid form, passes through it, leaving all foreign substances behind. It is said to take trash and morsels out of the rosin. Messrs. Elliott & Harris are the agents for the sale of it.

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One of the leading political questions which will soon come before the people of Georgia will be a revision of the present State constitution, which was adopted during the republican ascendancy in the State, and contains a good many provisions obnoxious to the Democrats. It is also very probable that the State capital will be removed from Atlanta to Milledgeville, where it formerly was.

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We Went for the Letter Z.

A man named Rice in the south part of this county who was a Public Warehouse a few days ago, told "the old man" he had got a good name, and his children and wife each a scriptural name beginning with Z, with Zora, Zara, Ziba, Zadock, Zilpa, Zatara, Zopara, Zopy, the four last girls. Well stand treat that the old man was a hard shell Baptist, and that he paid the printer promptly.—*Milton Chronicle.*

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Memorials.

WALTON McDowell—Mr. Thomas Walton and Miss Annie McDowell, of this place, were married on marriage W. Tuesday evening, the 21st inst. Mr. Walton is a young man, and the Rev. Mr. Marvin, and he paid the printer promptly.

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Whatever may be Mr. Blaine's failings, inability to understand the Northern heart can scarcely be considered one of them. When therefore his enemies see him take the great ambition of his whole life, upon one card they may well pause and carefully consider what the chances are that it will win. Mr. Blaine knows full well, none better than he, that enough will be brought to light before the investigation now pending shall close, to damn him forever in the eyes of all honest men at the North, provided the call to it can be made to believe the testimony. In spite of this, however he sought by every means in his power to secure the nomination for the Presidency at the last vestige of hope had disappeared.

He knew perfectly well that success in securing the nomination would only make his enemies more determined to publish his disgrace. But still he persisted and persisted so obstinately and so boldly as to seem almost be acting in mere wanton contempt of anything the committee of the House of Representatives could bring against him. We do not have to go far, however, for an explanation of such apparently reckless conduct. Mr. Blaine evidently did not fear the result of the investigation. That much is plain and the reason therefor is scarcely less so. Mr. Blaine confidently believed the Northern mind would refuse to credit any charges brought against him by what it is the Northern fashion to term the "Confederate House of Representatives." He believed that the bad passing of his bill would be construed in the minds of Northern men as to make them insensible to everything save their own burning hate. That this is Mr. Blaine's view is shown by his whole course since the present Congress first met. It is the belief of the whole Radical party, and found the plainer expression in the Radical platform adopted at Cincinnati last week.

In view of this state of things, will it not be well for the St. Louis Convention to be very careful in making its nomination, other things being equal, to select men so thoroughly identified with the Northern army during the late war as to make it impossible to doubt their fidelity to the side of the North either now or in the future? Is there any other man that meets all the requirements so well as Hancock? We think not.

AMERICAN COTTON PRICES OF COTTON.

Below is the price of upland cotton at New York for each cotton year from 1840 to 1861 inclusive, with accompanying figures showing the American crop for each year. In comparing present quotations for upland cotton with those of ante-war times it must be remembered that recent changes in grades have made the present middling to correspond to the "low middling" of 1860:

	Cents.	Bales.
1840.	8.92	2,178,857
1841.	7.85	1,683,574
1842.	7.25	2,378,875
1843.	7.73	2,040,400
1844.	6.63	2,694,503
1845.	7.87	2,106,450
1846.	11.75	1,735,151
1847.	8.63	2,348,634
1848.	7.55	2,006,706
1849.	12.34	2,096,706
1850.	12.14	2,855,257
1851.	9.50	3,015,026
1852.	9.25	3,202,000
1853.	10.97	2,690,027
1854.	10.29	3,817,967
1855.	10.80	3,627,845
1856.	13.51	2,939,519
1857.	12.23	3,163,924
1858.	12.50	3,163,924
1859.	11.00	4,675,770
1860.	13.01	3,653,086

The Democratic National Convention, which assembles in St. Louis on Tuesday next, is to meet in the grand hall of the Merchants' Exchange building, which has capacity for seating fully five thousand persons. The Merchants' Exchange hall has recently been completed, and is one of the handsomest buildings, says the Baltimore Sun, especially designed for commercial purposes in the country. There are four different entrances to the building, and in addition to the grand staircase which ascends in the centre, there are two flights of stairs from separate entrances on Third street. The hall itself extends the entire length of the building, and is half its width. The ceiling is lofty and beautiful and appropriately frescoed. The light is ample. All of the arrangements for the accommodation of the press will be as new perfect as possible. Fifteen of the principal cities in the country are connected by wires, which lead to the operating room in the rear of the theatre, while the pneumatic tubes connect the hall with the main office of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

For a practical, matter of fact, money leading labor saving people, Americans are very fond of talking about "the greatest" and "the beautiful." But while all things "esthetic" have a deep joy for the average American mind, poetic justice is the perfection of the greatest bliss of which it is capable.

The "distant east" of things of this kind will satisfy the craving of the most esthetic taste, forewarning us that a beautiful act of poetic justice performed in a manner most graceful. We refer of course to the rumor that the programme for the nomination of Hancock this week at St. Louis shall bring his name before the Convention, Louisiana and the other Southern States shall then fall into ranks, when the Northern and Middle States, led by Pennsylvania will close up the column. It is all very pretty, but the presidential breeze scarcely comes from the right quarter.

Rebecca's soul's that dream of heaven!

Governor Tilden gets this seal-off from Mr. Watterson of Louisville: "His life has been a life of sacrifice. He knows how to deny himself the luxury of being a d-d fool, which is more than can be said for the most us."

WHO SHALL BE MASTERS, THE PEOPLE OR THE OFFICE-HOLDERS?

The thirteenth article of the Constitution provides the mode of calling conventions of the people of North Carolina, to amend the Constitution and for other purposes; it provides, also, a mode of making amendments by means of Legislative enactment.

The amendments proposed by the Convention last year change these methods very materially and very greatly for the better. Under the Constitution as it now stands, the Legislature (two-thirds of all the members) concurring can call a Convention without any restrictions whatever and such a Convention will be absolutely sovereign and clothed with full authority to do all things that to it may seem best.

The amendments require not only that the call of the Convention shall have the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Legislature, but that, in addition, it shall first receive the concurrence of a majority of the people at the polls. So that if the amendments shall be ratified, before

the call of the Convention shall

have the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the two Houses of the General Assembly and afterwards be sanctioned by the vote of a majority of the people.

It is easy to see that under such a law no convention would ever be held in North Carolina; and this being so, who have honest fears about trusting conventions with power, ought to speak plainly that it is time for them to speak out in favor of the ratification of the amendments; in a word the amendments meet squarely the demand of the Constitution.

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the Convention last year naturally compel them to favor the ratification of the amendments; in a word the amendments meet squarely the demand of the Constitution.

The result of the order which the Postmaster General will be compelled to issue on the first of July will be to reduce the allowance for clerks' hire in every office in the United States from 7 to 10 per cent. It is said by some members of Congress that the Postmaster General can let the service go on as it is now, and that the Postmaster General will be nominated almost unanimously.

Representative Robbins of Illinois who spoke with such effect at the recent State Convention: "Next to

Hendricks, the best man I know of

is Hancock."

The revenue laws of the State when Mr. Battle became Treasurer were in sad state of uncertainty and confusion.

These included the following acts

in operation—that of 1861, which

was adopted by the General Assembly of 1865-66, the amendments thereto made by that Assembly, and the Tax Ordinance of the Convention of 1865, all of which were in conflict with each other.

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